



Neighborhood Association Monthly Report

March 2020

City of South Bend



CITY OF SOUTH BEND
COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

Engagement and Economic Empowerment Team

Neighborhood Overview

"Life Can Only Be Understood Backwards, But It Must Be Lived Forwards." - Soren Kierkegaard

Accomplishments

Breaking Ground

The construction of the United Way Southeast Neighborhood Center will begin this fall.


35

Attendance at the NRC's TenPoint Coalition Round Table on March 5th. Representatives from Indianapolis and Fort Wayne presented their progress on reducing gun violence. Attendees discussed bring-ing the coalition to South Bend.


10

Reported crimes in the last two months in the Rum Village/Oliver Gateway Neighborhood. This shows a decreasing rate of crime in the area.



Attendance

Average: **12**

among 6 meetings attended

Near West Side (online)	19
S.O.A.R.	18
Northeast	12
Rum Village/Oliver Gateway	12
Southside Scottsdale	8
Miami Village	5



Projects/Events



At the Service Coordinator training on March 20, Code Enforcement announced that all scheduled neighborhood spring cleanups have been postponed.

May

- 30** Start of Best. Week. Ever.
- 31** River Park's Rebel Art Fest at Potawatomi Park

June

- 12** El Campito's 50th Anniversary celebration
- 19-21** River Park Neighborhood Garage Sales
- 26** Near West Side block party with Civil Rights Heritage and the Center for Civic Innovation

9-10 neighborhood meetings canceled due to COVID-19 social distancing

Updates

Miami Village

Near West Side

Northeast

Rum Village/Oliver Gateway

S.O.A.R.

Southside Scottsdale

CONCERNS

- Navarre Cabin Relocation: Approved a motion to support the History Museum for this relocation, with the provision that the two houses on the intended lot be moved rather than demolished
- Safety/Security: Shots fired in neighborhood; one person arrested this month
- Safety/Security: Distress about drug activity and violence, want to improve relationship with police; two SBPD officers presented at meeting
- Animal Control: Presentation by Animal Control about stray cat issues
- Trash Services: Complaints about waste collectors tossing bins and scattering trash during garbage collections

TECHNICAL NEEDS

- Historic Preservation: Want info about historic designation & facade grants for two buildings
- Playground: Searching for available land for a neighborhood playground
- Merchandise: Considering making a webpage to sell neighborhood t-shirts, flags, and more
- Newsletter: Want assistance with distribution to houses
- NRC/COSB Attendance: Earnestly desire NRC and city representatives at meetings to help with their technical needs as a new NA

COVID-19: Updates and Response

• **Good Neighbors!** •
Finding Connection in the Time of
• Social Distancing •

Community Engagement

on Social Media

Since March 13, members of Sunnymede's Facebook page have made an average of 7 posts per day related to COVID-19. This includes info about the virus and the government response, requests and offers for donated goods and services, ideas for at-home activities, ways to support local businesses, and contact-free community activities like a neighborhood-wide "Eye Spy" game wherein residents place images in their windows for children to spot.



Food Drive.....

for the Food Bank of Northern Indiana

On March 20, a small group of volunteers, including Notre Dame Women's Basketball Head Coach Muffet McGraw, collected donated goods from residents in her neighborhood on South Bend's north side. These goods were then delivered to the Food Bank of Northern Indiana. McGraw said that she is planning additional food drives for the food bank.



Emily Nelson
March 18 at 1:57 PM

With such a positive response to the shamrock hunt and interest for other themed walking "eye spy" activities, I created a calendar of future themes with consideration of weather forecasts. Feel free to use objects, decor, print outs, etc. that can be visible from the sidewalk to participate! Walkers/hunters feel free to embrace the themes to liven the mood too (a great excuse to give Halloween costumes/dress up clothes another wear!).

MARCH 2020						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		🍀	Mario			Disney characters

APRIL 2020						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 🍀❤️💙 Hearts for Healthcare	2	3	4
5	6 🦖 Dinosaurs	7	8	9	10 🐰 Bunny Hunt	11

Karen Dickerson
March 22 at 7:50 PM

Hey neighbors, how about a puzzle exchange? If anyone would like to borrow a puzzle, I just put this box on my porch [redacted] Just bring it back when you're done! 🧩

If you're trading one of your own, please put your name on the puzzle box or slip in a note with your address so I can ensure it gets back to you. FYI we don't have kiddos so most of these are 1000+ pieces.

Happy puzzling! 🧩



Carl Adams
March 17 at 6:30 PM

I'm going to the store Thursday in hopes of milk and a couple other items. If anyone needs anything, please pm me and I will pick up and deliver. We can use Cash App or PayPal and can lower the amount of people in the grocery.

Near West Side Neighborhood Organization
7 hrs · 🌐

TONIGHT at 7pm
We are going to try something new tonight - a never-before-attempted live online version of the Near West Side neighborhood meeting.

To join the video meeting, click this link: <https://meet.google.com/...>

Otherwise, to join by phone, dial [redacted] and enter this PIN: [redacted]

To view more phone numbers, click this link: <https://tel.meet/...>

A few thoughts:
It will probably be a mess. Please be patient and understanding. You will have to ask to join after clicking the link below. I will approve you. I am going to MUTE everyone who joins the call. If you want to speak, please say so in the chat window and I will let you know when it's time. You will have to UNMUTE yourself to speak.
Please stay muted at all other times, as more than 3 speaker ruins the audio quality.
Did I mention this might be a mess? Thanks for supporting us trying something new during these unusual times.

Online Neighborhood Meetings

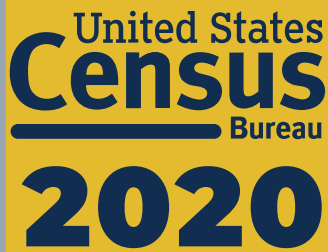
On March 24, the Near West Side Neighborhood conducted their first online monthly meeting via Google Meet. 18 residents participated. Rum Village/Oliver Gateway is planning a similar format for their April meeting. For assistance in setting up your neighborhood's online meeting, please contact the Engagement and Economic Empowerment Team at eee@southbendin.gov.

Primary Election 2020



June 2 New date of Indiana's primary election

The Indiana Election Commission lifted all restrictions on absentee voting by mail so that all registered Indiana voters can vote by mail. To request an absentee-by-mail ballot, visit <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/2402.htm> and submit the absentee ballot application by May 21 at 11:59 PM.



Neighborhood Census Outreach

As the smallest geographic units of the city, neighborhoods have a particularly influential role in promoting the census through meetings, events, social media, and social networks.

- ✓ Share outreach materials on social media, on the neighborhood website, and around the neighborhood. Access materials at <https://bit.ly/2UyWgZZ>.
- ✓ Partner with local organizations in the Census Champion Network and Complete Count Committee to support outreach efforts. For a list of organizations, see below.

You can track the results of these efforts at www.censushardtocountmaps2020.us, where responses are recorded in real time at the census tract level.

IMPORTANT DATES

April 15

Current start date for census field operations, including door-to-door census takers

August 14

New deadline for self-response, either online, by phone, or by mail

South Bend Census Network

We want to help! Organizations in the Census Champion network and the Complete Count Committee who are available to help and provide additional resources:

- **Broadway Christian Parish**
- **United Methodist Church**
- **City of South Bend**
- **Cultivating Life Ministries**
- **Goodwill Industries**
- **Imani Unidad**
- **Kennedy Park Neighborhood**
- **Kingdom Christian Center Church**
- **La Casa de Amistad**
- **The LGBTQ Center**
- **Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church**
- **Near Northwest Neighborhood**
- **Our Lady of Hungary Catholic Church**
- **Ready to Grow St. Joe**
- **Roseland Town Hall**
- **Saint Adalbert Catholic Church**
- **South Bend Heritage Foundation**
- **South Bend Housing Authority**

Fill out the 2020 Census today at:

www.2020census.gov

- **St. Joseph County Homeless Coalition**
- **Vida Nueva South Bend Church of God**
- **West Side Small Business Resource Center**

Financial Relief for Homeowners, Renters, Employees, and the Unemployed

National Stimulus Package & Local Resources

Unemployment / Underemployment Assistance

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance

- Workers ineligible for regular unemployment insurance, like self-employed workers, contractors, etc.
- Requirement: Job loss caused by COVID-19
- \$600 per week through July 31

Unemployment Insurance

- Requirement: Filed for unemployment
- Additional 13 weeks of UI
- \$600 per week through July 31

Underemployment Compensation*

- *Not available in Indiana yet, pending state legislation
- Requirement: Reduction in hours caused by COVID-19
- Short-term compensation through employer (100% federally financed)

\$1,200 Checks

- Requirements: Filed 2018 or 2019 tax returns; below income threshold
- Checks will arrive between three weeks and several months from now

Single Adults

- Requirement: Under \$75,000/year in 2018, 2019, or 2020
- \$1,200 each, \$500 per child
- Phased out up to \$99,000/year

Couples Filing Jointly

- Requirement: Under \$150,000/year in 2018, 2019, or 2020
- \$2,400 combined, \$500 per child
- Phased out up to \$198,000/year

Homeowners/Renters Catch a Break

Evictions, foreclosures, & utility shutoffs have been temporarily suspended in South Bend

For food assistance, bill assistance and more, visit:

findhelp.org

Questions?

To contact a specific Neighborhood Association, or for more information about this report, please email the Engagement and Economic Empowerment Team at eee@southbendin.gov.

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